Share of Rajasthan in BBMB

1780. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has sought higher share of water from Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB); and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on demand of Rajasthan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) According to the Bhakra Beas Management Board, against Rajasthan's total share of 3.335 Milion Acre Feet (MAF) in Ravi, Beas and Sutlej waters during the period from 21st September, 2001 to 28th February 2002, the State projected its requirement as 3.378 MAF, subsequently revised to 3.810 MAF whereas Bhakra Beas Management Board had released 3.667 MAF. The Board has further informed that the requirement of Rajasthan for increased supplies upto 8th April, 2002 has also been agreed to.

Clearance to Kushivali Dam in Maharashtra

1781. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance to 'Kushivali Dam' in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that the allocated amount has been diverted elsewhere as the work of the same Dam has not yet started; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No proposal has been received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal of Kushivali Dam in Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) Irrigation being a State subject the primary responsibility for planning, investigation, funding and execution of irrigation and flood control projects rests with the State Government including provision of requisite funds for works and establishment.

Pending irrigation projects in Bihar

†1782. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medium as well as major irrigation projects of Bihar which are pending with Government;

(b) the reasons for the projects lying pending; and

(c) whether non-clearance of projects has adversley affected the development of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Four major irrigation projects of reorganized Bihar State have been

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